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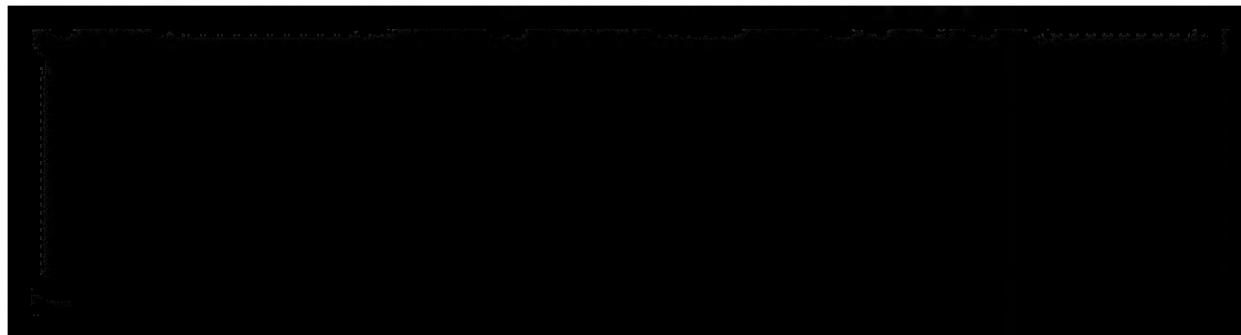
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1. The SPD Party Executive Committee, meeting on 30-31 March 1951, unanimously disapproved the Schuman plan and reprimanded Wilhelm Kaisen, who gave the press a statement in favor of it. Despite some rumors to the contrary, Dr. Kurt Schumacher prevailed completely.
2. The SPD will intensify its propaganda concerning the Saar question, especially before the Rhineland-Palatinate election. Plans are now being prepared to declare the Saar Socialist Party a district organization of the SPD, to withdraw the Socialist ministers from the Saar cabinet, and to demand reunification with Germany. Fritz Heine will be in charge of the campaign, and the Kaiser ministry may be asked to support it after the Landtag elections.
3. Schumacher's keynote speech attacked the French with unusual sharpness on the following grounds:
 - a. The French High Commissioner's interference with the "Southwest State" plans.
 - b. The activities of French-sponsored federalist and clerical circles, which have weakened Germany and Europe, as well as US efforts to contain the Soviets. The French government is afraid of its electorate, and continues its efforts to appease the USSR.
 - c. The Saar question, which, Schumacher maintained, is a ready-made propaganda vehicle for the Russians. He could not understand the continued American silence and regretted that it might be necessary to make a public criticism of US policy in this matter.
4. Schumacher's attitude on renmilitarization is unchanged. He considers that the Petersberg talks and other negotiations prove that the prerequisites for a German contribution do not yet exist.
5. Schumacher sharply criticized American propaganda efforts in Germany, especially the Kampfgruppe gegen Unrechtschlichkeit and the "resistance" outfits.
6. Schumacher and Erich Ollenhauer were very critical also of the Allied, especially the American, attitude on co-determination and the Schuman plan. They spoke warn

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words for the objectives of the Marshall Plan, but stated that the German and French governments have squandered the funds in a manner which must be considered a fraud on the American taxpayer. While social problems remain unsolved, the number of millionaires is already greater than in the Weimar Republic.*

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[REDACTED] Schumacher's tone was extremely bitter, and he was more critical of the Americans than ever before. He knows he can count on the complete support of the trade unions and his party.

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